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SUBJECT: TRUD ATTACK ON U.S. VISA POLICY RE SOVIET TRADE
UNION REPS

1. UNDER HEADING "GEORGE MEANY FORBIDS SPRING,"
JUNE 12 SOVIET TRADE UNION ORGAN TRUD PRINTS LENGTHY
ARTICLE BY PAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SISNEV
TAKING MEANY AND HIS "RENEGADE APPRENTICE," JAY
LOVESTONE TO TASK FOR, ON EVE OF SECOND NIXON VISIT TO
USSR, OPPOSING IMPROVED U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS,
EAST-WEST LABOR CONTACTS, AND SPECIFICALLY FOR TURNING
AMERICAN-SOVIET TRADE UNION VISITS INTO ONE-WAY STREET.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND, SISNEV WRITES, WHY
PATHOLOGICAL ANTI-SOVIETISM OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
AFL-CIO SO EASILY INFLUENCES AN IMPORTANT AREA OF
SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT IS A
MATTER OF SOVIET DELEGATIONS INVITED BY LARGE
AMERICAN UNIONS WITH NO AFL-CIO AFFILIATION. "ARE
THOSE ON WHOM THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS DEPENDS NOT A PART OF THE ADMINIS-
TRATION WHICH HAS MADE IMPROVEMENT

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OF RELATIONS WITH THE USSR STATE POLICY?" THE SOVIET

TRADE UNION COMMUNITY HOPES, ACCORDING TO SISNEV,
THAT THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT
WILL CHANGE EXISTING PRACTICE. ARTICLE CONCLUDES
WITH EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE THAT MEANY WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO KEEP U.S.-SOVIET TRADE UNION RELATIONS IN
WINTER STATE INDEFINITELY.

2. COMMENT: TRUD PIECE REPRESENTS NOT ONLY ESCALATION
OF RHETORIC AGAINST MEANY ("AGED BOSS," "MANIACAL
ANTI-COMMUNISM," THE GOEBBELS BIG LIE TECHNIQUE,
"ABSOLUTIST POWER UNTHINKABLE IN OTHER NATIONAL TRADE
UNIONS"), BUT ALSO AS FAR AS WE KNOW FIRST TIME SOVIET
PRESS HAS EXPLICITLY PINPOINTED DEPARTMENT AS BEING
RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSLATING MEANY VIEWS INTO U.S.
VISA POLICY. STOESEL

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